



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held November 20, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Currently, the Department of Public Health’s enforcement agency, Environmental Health, is responsible for ensuring that the food provided for human consumption is safe, wholesome, and free of contamination. District Environmental Services is responsible for the inspection of more than 22,000 restaurants, 14,000 markets, and 1,900 bakeries and retail food processing establishments. With the goal of food inspections to prevent food-borne illnesses, Environmental Health is required to use a grading system to indicate how well food service operators are fulfilling their responsibility to prevent food borne illnesses. However, Los Angeles County does not have a grading system for skilled nursing facilities. In an industry where tens of thousands of our elderly and physically impaired constituents live, it is imperative that these facilities are graded and the results of these evaluations published.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Chief Executive Officer was directed to work in conjunction with the Director of Public Health to research the viability of inspecting and posting grades at skilled nursing homes and convalescent homes and report back to the Board within 60 days.

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